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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 22nd, 1887.

TO-DAY the British Empire celebrates the  
completion of the sixtieth year of the  
longest and most glorious reign in English  
history. The many years of Queen  
VICTORIA's reign have been years of progress  
in all departments of the national life, in  
politics, in commerce, in the arts and  
sciences, and in the social well-being of the  
people; and that Her Majesty may still long  
be spared to grace the Throne on which she  
has shed such lustre must be the fervent  
prayer of each and all of Her many millions  
of loyal subjects. The British Constitution  
is that of a strictly limited Monarchy, under  
which the occupant of the Throne reigns  
but does not govern, but the personal  
influence of a Sovereign possessed of strong  
individuality must move the less impress  
itself on the public mind and affect the  
currents of national thought and sentiment.  
In Queen VICTORIA's case that influence  
has been exercised undividedly for good.  
Every movement for the social advancement  
of Her people or for the alleviation  
of suffering and distress has had Her  
support, she has been an exemplar of all the  
domestic virtues, the liberal arts and sciences  
have received Her fostering encouragement,  
and Her Court has been characterised by  
purity of life and culture of intellect. The  
beauty and loveliness of Her character have  
conquered all hearts and commanded the  
warm personal affection of Her subjects  
throughout Her widespread dominions in the  
four quarters of the globe. In Her seasons  
of joy the nation has rejoiced with Her, and  
when the hand of affliction has been laid  
upon Her and She has had to mourn the  
death of husband or child Her people have  
sorrowed with Her as for a personal bereavement  
of their own. In affection for the  
Sovereign all parties and factions have  
united, around the Throne discord has been  
stilled, and Her Majesty has been the focus  
of all that is noblest and best in the nation.  
Her name will live in history not only as  
that of a good, but also as that of a great  
Queen, for though Her direct participation  
in determining the policy of the Empire has  
been limited She has by Her life and conduct  
influenced in a remarkable degree the  
public mind, and has not only bound to  
herself the affections of the whole body of  
Her subjects, but has caused the flame of  
patriotism to burn steadily with an intensity

that in previous periods of our history has  
seldom been equalled except spasmodically  
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this the day set apart for the celebration of  
Her Diamond Jubilee, Her subjects are  
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and statistical statements illustrative  
of the growth of the Empire, the  
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years, and here in Hongkong, the colony  
in which we reside, with its busy city and  
crowded harbour, we have a striking illustration  
of the progress of the age. When Her  
Majesty ascended the Throne the island  
was little more than a barren rock,  
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Empire on the fringe of which it stands an  
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her personal capacity that our thoughts  
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live to enjoy the respect and affection of  
Her loving subjects and to draw still more  
closely those ties of national unity which  
She has done so much to establish and  
strengthen.

But sorrow even waits on joy, and in the  
Queen's mind as in that of Her subjects, the  
rejoicings of this day must be tinged with  
mild regret that India, with its visitations  
of plague, famine, and earthquake, should be  
unable to join so completely in the festivities  
and outward manifestations of joy as would  
have been the case had the event fallen in a  
normal year; but the sympathy that has  
been shown towards the suffering millions  
and the ready and liberal response made to  
the appeals on behalf of the relief funds  
affords a most conspicuous illustration of the

fact that the unity of Empire of which we  
speak is no mere form of words but a solid  
reality.

## NOTICE.

Owing to the Diamond Jubilee festivities  
there will be no issue of the *Daily Press* to  
morrow (Wednesday) and Thursday. Friday's  
issue will contain a full account of the Jubilee  
proceedings. While fully conscious of the less  
public importance when deprived of its daily  
paper we think that the colony can do without  
banking and insurance facilities for two  
consecutive days it may stretch a point and for  
the same period do without newspapers.

The *Weekly Press* for the French mail  
is issued to-day and contains an account of the  
Thanksgiving Service. The next issue, for the  
English mail, will contain the full report of  
the festivities and in order to make the account  
complete the report of the Thanksgiving  
Service will also be reproduced.

His Excellency the Governor will arrive at  
Murray Pier to-night at 9.10 P.M. and will  
embark on board the steam-lunch *Victoria*  
to view the illuminations.

The Noddinghead Lloyd Imperial German  
mail steamer *Sachsen* carrying the German  
mail with dates from Berlin, the 31st May, left  
Colombo on Saturday, the 13th inst., and may  
be expected here on or about Wednesday, the  
30th instant.

We are indebted to Señor José de Navarro,  
the Spanish Consul, for a copy of the following  
telegram received from Manila, the 13th June,  
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The C. N. C. Co.'s steamer *Changsha*, which  
arrived yesterday from Australia, had a  
man on board during the voyage. Mr. C. Pass, a  
passenger from Thursday Island died at 1 a.m.  
the 20th January of cancer in that stomach  
and was buried at sea the same day at 9 a.m.

A Tokyo press despatch states that the Japanese  
Consul at Thursday Island has telegraphed  
that an agitation has been commenced to  
prohibit the engagement of Japanese labourers  
who are employed in gathering mother-of-pearl  
shells. The Consul advises that no labourers  
should be sent for the present.

A fire broke out on Saturday morning, 12th  
June, in the clothing room of the *Mayflower*,  
Cotton on Foveaux Street, Queen's Road, Shanghai.  
Fortunately no persons were injured with  
the assistance of the fire brigade, which  
had been summoned to the mill, extinguished  
the flames before any serious damage was done.

The Japan Times states that as it had been  
found that the annual remuneration of 600  
is not sufficient to attract able men to the  
position of judges and procurators, the  
Government has been informed, has  
decided that the allowance to judges and  
procurators of the lowest class will be increased  
700 yen per year.

We are requested by the Hon. J. H. Stewart  
Lieutenant Hon. Secretary to the Jubilee Com-  
mittee, to remind ticket holders to the  
festival to remain ticket holders to the "Happy Valley"  
this afternoon and to-morrow and to remain  
in an unsatisfactory position—*Koko Chronicle*.

A Soochow native correspondent reports the  
arrival of Willison's Circus in the new settle-  
ments of that city and predicts that at least  
200,000 people will visit the show owing to the  
novelty. So great has been the commotion  
caused amongst the people that the  
newly-constructed districts, followed by  
the now crowded settlements, have in order  
to ensure order amongst the roudies congregated  
there for sinister purposes.—*N. C. Daily News*.

His Excellency the Governor has  
been pleased to bestow upon Mr. Wollesley Parker  
the patronage in *Sunderland*. Mr. Parker has been  
presented with a sword and a plumb line for  
the collection of native opium duty which is to  
be handed over to the I.M. Customs at Shan-  
ghai, Chungking, Mincing, and Chinkiang,  
respectively.—*N. C. Daily News*.

According to a memorial of the Board of  
Revenue recommending a new system of taxing  
native green opium: the chief opium producing  
provinces in China are to be Szechuan,  
which will produce this year a crop of 120,000  
piculs. Yunnan, 80,000 piculs; Kueichow,  
40,000 piculs; Chekiang, 14,000 piculs; Anhwei,  
10,000 piculs; Kiangsu, 8,000 piculs; Anhwei,  
7,000 piculs; Fukien, 5,000 piculs; Kiangsu,  
4,000 piculs; Shantung, Shensi, Honan,  
and Chihli, an aggregate amounting to 60,000  
piculs, or a total of 334,000 piculs from 14 out  
of the 21 provinces which constitute the present  
empire of China—not including Outer Mon-  
golia and Tibet. The memorial further states  
that according to the above estimate while the  
Board has reason to believe that the  
opium produced in the provinces of Szechuan,  
Kueichow, and Yunnan, is of a high quality,  
so great is the demand for it that the  
Government is compelled to fix a high quota  
for its production. The Governor of  
New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South  
Australia, and the Government of New South  
Wales have all considered Mr. Parker's  
efforts worthy of receiving their patronage.

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